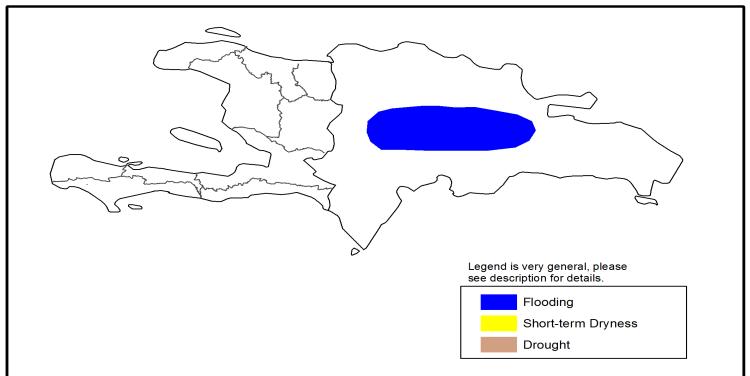






## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET March 5 – March 11, 2012

Localized heavy rainfall could trigger flooding and landslides across central Dominican Republic during the next seven days.



During the past week, moderate to heavy (30 - 75 mm) rainfall was observed across much of the Dominican Republic, marking the third consecutive week of above-average rainfall over the eastern half of Hispaniola, while light (<30 mm) rainfall was recorded in Haiti. In the Dominican Republic, the frequent and intense rainfall has resulted in positive anomalies, with rainfall surpluses ranging between 100 and 200 mm across the central portions of the country over the past thirty days. Media has already reported flooding that has resulted in loss of crops and fatalities in Bonao of Central Dominican Republic during the past week. During the next seven days, model forecasts indicate increased rainfall across Hispaniola, with the heaviest (>50 mm) rainfall forecast over localized areas of central Dominican Republic. This, therefore, increases the risks for flooding and landslides in the region.